

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (DEQ)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FORM 7530-2 A

General Information

- **When Form 7530-2 A may be filed.**

Virginia Regulation 9 VAC 25-580-70 requires any person who sells a tank intended to be used as an underground storage tank to notify the tank purchaser of the obligation to submit notification to DEQ. DEQ recommends that sellers of USTs obtain completed and signed notification forms (Form 7530-2) from the UST buyer as part of the sales transaction. The seller then may submit the notification reflecting the change in ownership to DEQ and need not provide additional proof of the transfer of ownership. Additionally, the seller may be assured that the DEQ public record of tank ownership will reflect the buyer as the tank owner.

Where the seller did not take such precautionary measures and where the buyer has failed to file a notification, the seller may submit Form 7530-2 A. This form permits a registered owner to request that DEQ change its registration records to reflect a change in ownership to the person or entity to whom tanks have been sold.

Part I: Current Ownership of Tanks

- The seller should enter the name, address and contact information for the tank buyer in this Part.
- The buyer name as reflected in the transaction documents should be used.

Part II: Location of Tanks

- The seller must enter a 911 (street) address, not a post office box. If a 911 address is not available, the seller should use the most pertinent route number information.

Part III: Former Ownership of Tank

- The seller's name, address and contact information should be entered in this Part.

Part IV: Ownership Transfer Documentation

- In order for DEQ records to reflect a change of ownership, the seller must submit the legal document transferring ownership to the buyer. DEQ Central Office legal staff will review the documentation to determine whether it is adequate to reflect a change of ownership absent a notification signed by the buyer. If the documentation is determined to be adequate to reflect a change of ownership, DEQ's public records will reflect the buyer as the tank owner and DEQ will look to the buyer and the facility operator for compliance obligations.
- If the documentation is determined to be inadequate to reflect a change of ownership, DEQ's public records will continue to reflect the seller as the tank owner and DEQ will look to the seller and the facility operator for compliance obligations. Upon receipt of a completed, signed notification (Form 7530-2) from the buyer, DEQ will then look to the buyer and cease to pursue the seller for compliance obligations (other than releases reported during the time the seller owned the USTs).

Part V: Former Owner Certification

- By signing this notification, the employee is representing that he or she has the authority to act on behalf of the employer. The only entities with access to the Virginia Petroleum Storage Tank Fund for reimbursement of corrective action and third party claim costs are UST owners and operators. Therefore, it is important that employees make certain the representations they are making on behalf of their employers regarding the transfer of tank ownership are correct.

Penalties

Any person who knowingly makes any false statement on this form shall be guilty of a felony punishable by a term of imprisonment of up to three years and a fine of not less than \$5,000 but up to \$50,000 per violation. If convicted of a violation, any defendant that is not an individual shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$10,000.

Part VI: Description of Transferred Tanks

- **Owner Tank Identification Number.** Enter the number the owner has assigned to the tank, if any. Note that each compartment of a compartmentalized tank should be registered as separate tanks. Similarly, manifolded tanks should be registered as separate tanks.
- **DEQ Tank Identification Number.** DEQ currently does not issue tank identification numbers. This space should be blank.
- **Date of Installation.** Enter the date of installation in numeric MM/DD/YYYY format.
- **Date of Closure.** Enter the date of closure in numeric MM/DD/YYYY format.
- **Date of Temporary Closure.** Enter the date of temporary closure in numeric MM/DD/YYYY format.